



2020 MONUMENT SÉMILLON

FRANSCHHOEK * WALKER BAY, SOUTH AFRICA



Monument Sémillon is a single vineyard wine from a remarkable old vineyard in Franschhoek. It showcases great old Cape DNA in a way that few other wines can. In many ways, this parcel is a living monument to a bygone agricultural era and to the history of the Cape wine.

VITICULTURE/VINIFICATION

These grand old vines are farmed by father and son, Anton and Koos Roux on their family farm, La Colline. They are direct descendants of the Huguenot refugee Paul Roux who arrived in the Cape in 1688. Anton's grandfather planted the vineyard in 1936 on an elevated South facing slope overlooking the valley below. The parcel is situated between 310 m and 350 m above sea-level. The soil is mostly granitic with plenty of quartz.

There are a few different shades of Sémillon growing together - from emerald green to amber, rose and mauve. These genetic oddities are typical of the Cape's older Sémillon vineyards, and seem to be extinct in the rest of the world. All grapes are picked together, hand sorted and whole bunch pressed. The raw juice is settled overnight with no additions, then racked relatively clean compared to Alheit Chenins. Wild fermentation takes place in old barrels, usually lasting around one month. The wine was kept on primary lees in barrels for 18 months prior to bottling without fining.

TASTING NOTES

The wine has a deep golden color with an expressive nose of blossoms and mandarin, wax and dried herbs. The palate is textured and complex. Intense, pointed finish.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

VARIETALS:	100% Sémillon
ALC:	13.14%
RS:	1.59 g/L
TOTAL ACIDITY:	5.5 g/L
PH:	3.27

SCORES

96 points, Tim Atkin MW, December 2021

